


A
DECLARATION
OF THE
Lords and Commons
Assembled in Parliament.

For the raising of all power, and
force, as well Trained Bands as others, in
severall Counties of this Kingdome, to lead
against all Traytors, and their adherents, and them to
arrest and imprisonment, and to fight with, kill, and slay all such
as shall oppose any of His Majesties loving Subjects
that shall be employed in this service,
by either or both Houses of
PARLIAMENT.

 Rdered that this Declaration be forthwith Printed,
Hen. Elsyng, Clerk. Paull D. Com.

August. 9.

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A Declaration of both Houses of PARLIAMENT.



Hereas certaine information is given from severall parts of the Kingdome, That divers Troops of Horse are imployed in sundry Counties of the Kingdome; and that others have Commission to raise both Horse and Foot, to compell His Majesties Subjects to submit to the illegall Commission of Array, out of a Traiterous intent, to subvert the liberty of the Subject, and the Law of the Kingdom; And for the better strengthening themselves in this wicked attempt, Do joyne with the popish and Jesuiticall faction, to put the Kingdome

dome into a combustion and civill Warre, by levying forces against the Parliament; and by those Forces to alter the Religion, and the ancient government, and lawfull liberty of the Kingdome, and to introduce Popery and Idolatry, together with an Arbitrary form of Government: And in pursuance thereof, have traiterously and rebelliously, levied Warre against the King, and by force, robbed, spoyled, and slaine, divers of His Majesties good Subjects, travelling about their lawfull and necessary occasions in the Kings protection according to Law, and namely that for the end and purpose aforesaid, The Earle of Northampton, the Lord *Dunsmore*, Lord *Willoughby* of *Erisby* sonne to the Earle of *Lindsey*, *Henry Hastings* Esquire, and divers other unknown persons in the Counties of *Lincolne*, *Nottingham*, *Leicester*, *Warwick*, *Oxfordshire*, and other places, and the Marquesse of *Hertford*, the Lord *Pawlet*, Lord *Seymore*, Sir *John Stawell*, Sir *Ralph Hopton*, *Iohn Digby* Esq. and other their Accomplices have gotten together great forces in the County of *Somerset*.

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The Lords and Commons duely considering the great dangers which may ensue upon such their wicked and Trayterous designs; And if by this meanes the power of the Sword should come into the hands of Papists and their Adherents, nothing can be expected but the miserable ruine and desolation of the Kingdom, and the bloody Massacre of the Protestants,

They doe Declare and Ordaine, That it is and shall be lawfull for all His Majesties loving Subjects, by force of Armes, to resist the said severall Parties and their accomplices, and all other that shall raise or conduct any other forces for the ends aforesaid. And that the Earle of *Essex*, Lord-Generall, with all his Forces raised by the authority of Parliament, As likewise the Lord *Say* Lieutenant of *Oxfordshire*, Earle of *Peterborough* Lieutenant of *Northamptonshire*, Lord *Wharton* Lieutenant of *Buckinghamshire*, Earle of *Stamford* Lieutenant of *Leicestershire*, Earle of *Pembrooke* Lieutenant of *Wiltshire* and *Hampshire*, Earle of *Bedford* Lieutenant of *Somersetshire* and *Devon*,
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Lord Brooke Lieutenant of *Warwickeshire*, the Lord Cranborne Lieutenant of *Dorsetshire*, the Lord Willoughby of *Partham* Lieutenant of *Lincolneshire*, and their Deputy Lieutenants respectively, and all those who are, or shall be appointed by Ordinance of both Houses, to performe the place of Deputy Lieutenants; *Denfill Hollis* Esquire, Lieutenant of the City and County of *Bristol*, and the Majors and Sheriffs of the City, and Deputy-Lieutenants there, and all other Lieutenants of Counties, Sheriffs, Majors, Deputy Lieutenants shall raise all the power and Forces of their severall Counties, aswell Trained Bands as others, And shall have power to Conduct and lead the said Forces of the said Counties, against the said Traytors and their Adherents, and with them to fight, kill, and slay all such as by force shall oppose them; and the persons of the said Traitors and their Adherents and Accomplices to arrest and imprison, and them to bring up to the Parliament, to answer this their Traiterous and Rebelious attempts according

according to Law, and the same, or any other Forces, to transport and conduct from one County to another in aide and assistance one of another, and of all others that shall joyne with the Lords and Commons in Parliament for the defence of the Religion of Almighty God, and of the Liberties and peace of the Kingdome, and in pursuit of those wicked and Rebellicus Traitors, their Conspirators, Ayders and Abettors and Adherents; Requiring all Lieutenants of Counties, Sheriffes, Majors, Justices of Peace and others His Majesties Officers and loving Subjects to bee ayding and assisting to one another, in the execution hereof, and for their so doing all the parties above mentioned, and all others that shall joyne with them, shall be justified, defended, and secured by the power and authority of Parliament.

Ordered



Die Luna, Aug. 8. 1642.

Ordered that this Declaration bee foithwith
Printed and Published.

Hen. Elsing, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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